Letters of intent for chartering fishing trawlers

325. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are not issuing letters of intent liberally for chartering foreign fishing trawlers despite the urgent need to increase country's export earnings; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) Letters of intent for chartering of foreign fishing vessels are issued in accordance with the prevalent Charter policy under the Maritime Zones of India (Regulation of Fishing by Foreign Vessels) Act, 1981 and Maritime Zones of India (Regulation of Fishing by Foreign Vessels) Rules 1982. In accordance with the provisions of the said Act, no permit for chartering is to be granted unless the Central Government is satisfied that the permit may be granted having regard to such matters as may be prescribed in the public interest and after making such inquiry in respect of such other matters as may be relevant.

Deep Sea fishing trawlers

326. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of deep sea fishing trawlers operating in our marine waters;

(b) the number of chartered trawlers out of them;

(c) what is the foreign exchange earning from these trawlers, yearwise, details for the last three years.

(d) the number of applications pending with the Ministry for permission to acquire new trawlers; and

(e) since how long they are pending and what are the reasons for not clearing the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) The number of deep sea fishing trawlers in Indian water is 201 at present.

(b) As on 12-7-91 there are 31 chartered foreign fishing vessels operating in Indian waters.

(c) The foreign exchange earned from the chartered foreign fishing vessels during the last three years is indicated below:—

Year	US $ in lakhs
1988	8.05
1989	16.54
1990	28.57

(d) and (e) Seven applications for acquisition of deep sea fishing vessels are pending with the Ministry at present. These are at various stages of processing and the clearances could not be given due to lack of certain information in their applications.

Knowledge of Regional Languages by persons in various A.I.R. and Doordarshan Kendras

327. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the persons working in various All India Radio Stations and Doordarshan Kendras in the country know the Regional languages concerned; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative whether it is not

a hurdle in the way of effective functioning of A.I.R. Stations or Doordarshan Kendras?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUM. GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b) Generally, the programme production and presentation staff, such as Programme Executives, Producers, Announcers, Newsreader-cum-Translators, Transmission Executives know the languages/dialects of the State of a Station/Kendra. Local talent is also utilised whenever necessary. In respect of the management staff at higher levels, they have All India transfer liability and the knowledge of the regional language is not essential. However, while posting these officers to different Kendras, their knowledge of regional language and culture is kept in view.

328. [Transferred to 30 July, 1991]

प्रसार भारतीय विधेयक

329. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह:** क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या सरकार प्रसार भारती विधेयक के संबंध में कोई कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और इस संबंध में आवश्यक कार्यवाही कब से आरम्भ कर दी जाएगी; और

(ग) यदि नहीं तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (कु० गिरिजा व्यास) : (क) से (ग) प्रसार भारती (भारतीय प्रसारण निगम) विधेयक, 1989 लोक सभा में 29 दिसम्बर, 1989 को पेश किया गया था। संसद् के दोनों सदनों द्वारा पारित कर दिए जाने के बाद, दिनांक 12 सितम्बर, 1990 को राष्ट्रपति ने इसे स्वीकृति अधिकांश अनिवार्य कार्य पूरे नहीं हुए हैं। सरकार प्रसार भारती की स्थापना करने तथा इलेक्ट्रानिक माध्यमों के बीच स्पर्धा शुरू करने के लिए वचनबद्ध है।

One-rank-one-pension for ex-servicemen

330. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to enhance the pension for exservicemen on the basis of "one-rank-one pension"; and

(b) if so, when the decision is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) A scheme for the grant of an adhoc exgratia increase in pension to Armed Forces personnel below officer rank who retired before 1-1-1986 was approved by the Government on 1-11-1990. The next Government considered the matter but deferred decision on the issue. The entire matter shall be reviewed, taking the financial, legal and other related aspects in view.

Modification of industrial policy for rapid growth

331. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to modify the existing industrial policy to ensure rapid industrial growth; and

(b) if so, the details of the study undertaken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) and (b)

(a) what remedial measures are